programmes and participation in food fair etc.

(c) As per present indications, the exports of chillies and turmeric during 1985-86 are expected to be lower than the preceding years. No specific figure can be indicated at this stage for exports anticipated during 1985-86.

(a) A Statement indicating exports during the last three year is annexed.

Statement

	Quantity Metric Tonnes	Value '000 Rs.
Chillies		
1982-83	12888·46	12,35,43·91
1983-84	10610·45	8,78,26·80
1984-85	8150·66	9,66,57·00
Turmeric		
1982-83	7594·76	4,23,54·25
1983-84	10891·88	11,05,50·06
1984-85	12922·87	17,15,70·11

Financial irregularities by certain parties in Assam and Gujarat

2876. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received on the 27th September, 1985 a copy of the detailed information in writing addressed to Member (Investigation), Central Board of Direct Taxes under his Ministry supported by 3 photo copies of relevant documents about substantial tax evasion, benami bank accounts and serious irregularities involving huge amounts by certain parties at Dibrugarh (Assam) in active collusion with certain parties at Tinsukia (Assam) and Ahmedabad (Gujarat);

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in the matter; and

(c) if no action has yet been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) No such communication appears to have been received in the office of the Finance Minister on 27-9-1985.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

News-item "Kudermukh Authorities 'Hush-Up' A Murder case'

2877. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Kudremukh authorities 'hush up' a murder case" which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 4th October, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details of the case;

(c) whether the culprits have been rounded up and the case has been registered; and

(d) whether any compensation has been paid to the widow of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Late Shri S. Narayanan, the Chief Vigilance Officer of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, visited Kudremukh on 22-7-1985 on official business and stayed at the Company's Guest House. On the morning